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INVITATION TO PAY ADDITIONAL FEES

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1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 3 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

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- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
see annex

- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid

2. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

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Fee per additional invention number of additional inventions total amount of additional fees

Or, _____ x _____ = _____

The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive.

3. ☒ Claim(s) Nos. see annex have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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**Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH**

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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
see 'Invitation to pay additional fees'
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	EP 0 145 176 A2 (WACO CORPORATION OVERSEAS LIMITED; IRF YUGENGAISHA) 19 June 1985 (1985-06-19)	1,2,6,7, 11,12
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-12

Treatment device for applying electrical impulses, comprising a detector for detecting changes in the skin impedance, means for monitoring the responsivity of the skin, and indicator means for indicating when a predetermined level of responsivity is reached and when a pre-determined treatment has been administered

2. claims: 13-18

Treatment apparatus for applying electrical impulses, comprising means for detecting the responsivity of different zones of a predetermined area of the body, means for storing the output data, and means for selecting a treatment zone from amongst the different zones

3. claims: 19-21

Treatment system, comprising a treatment device for applying electrical impulses, a PC for storing patient records, a cradle for the treatment device, and means for receiving a smart card

The three above mentioned inventions are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept (Rule 13.1 PCT), the reasons being as follows:

A treatment device for applying electrical impulses, comprising a pair of electrodes for contact with the skin, a waveform generator for repeatedly generating an AC waveform, and means for detecting the skin impedance, is well known in the state of the art (see e.g. US-A-4 541 432 or US-A-4 646 744).

The following technical features of claims 1, 13 and 19 thus can be considered as special technical features within the meaning of Rule 13.2 PCT:

Claim 1: means for monitoring the responsivity of the skin, and indicator means activated by the monitoring means for generating a first indication when a predetermined level of responsivity is reached and a second indication when a predetermined treatment has been administered;

Claim 13: means for detecting the responsivity of different zones of a predetermined area of the body, a store for the output data, and means for selecting a treatment zone based on an evaluation of the output data; and

Claim 19: a PC for storing patient records, a cradle, and means for receiving a smart card.

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The problems solved by these special technical features can be construed as:

Claim 1: to monitor the treatment progress;

Claim 13: to select a suitable treatment zone;

Claim 19: communicating information between the treatment device and a PC, with controlled access by means of a smart card.

These problems thus do not allow for a relationship to be established between the said inventions, which involves a single general inventive concept. The three above inventions show lack of corresponding technical effect as well.

Consequently, the requisite unity of invention (Rule 13.1 PCT) does not exist inasmuch as a technical relationship involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features in the sense of Rule 13.2 PCT does not exist between the three inventions.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 206

Continuation of Box 3.

Claim(s) not searched:
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Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Patent Family Annex

Information on patent family members

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